



NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of an extremely busy first half term at Hogarth, I wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank you all for your continued efforts, support and honesty over the last seven weeks.

Our attendance has been higher than ever at Hogarth, sitting **1.7 percentage points above this time last year**. Even more impressively, the proportion of our persistently absent pupils (those with attendance below 90%) is now falling below 10%, having been as high as 38% just three years ago. These improvements are something we should all be incredibly proud of.

The school genuinely feels as though it is working towards the vision that Mrs King and I had when we began our journey here in April 2023. We now have nine full parent tours booked for next year's Reception intake, which is a fantastic indication of the positive reputation Hogarth is building within the local community.

Parents' Evening this week saw **95% attendance**, which is another achievement worth celebrating. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships between home and school and ensure that everyone understands how best to support our children.

I would also like to thank Mrs King and everyone who supported her in creating the most incredible school library, which is now open and ready for the children to enjoy. The fundraising, time and energy that have gone into creating such a welcoming environment are hugely appreciated, and I know it will become a much-loved part of Hogarth.

Our PTA co-chairs and their team also deserve a special mention. They continue to give up hours of their own time to organise events that engage our children while raising valuable funds for the school. The Autumn Disco was a huge success, the pumpkin designs look incredible (we should definitely have had a parent category too!), and the hard work that went into organising our first-ever Laser Show in November has certainly not gone unnoticed. Our school community has come together so positively this year, and I am extremely grateful to everyone who has played a part.

This week, our Year 6 children enjoyed a visit to Tag Active at King George's as a reward for being last year's attendance champions. Moving forward, we will celebrate attendance success every half term, with our champion class enjoying a special reward. At the time of writing, **2F are our attendance champions for this half term** — congratulations to them!

Finally, I want to thank our incredible staff team, who work tirelessly to ensure that your children are safe, happy and making progress both academically and socially. Without such a dedicated team, Hogarth would not be in the positive position it is today. The progress we have made is a testament to the collective effort of our staff, families, PTA and wider community.

I wish you all a relaxing and restful half term break. Enjoy the time with your families, recharge your batteries and, most importantly, I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2 November**. Let's see whether we can achieve 100% attendance on our first day back!



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Stars of the Week

RB	RH	1KM	2F
Raisa	Esmee-Elizabeth	Ayla	Tudor
3Y	4C	5H	6C
Zehra	Param	Ayita	Tor



Mr Watson's Superstar Award –

Gabriel Yr6 – For speaking so confidently and passionately about Hogarth when showing prospective parents around the school. It was truly heart-warming to hear how warmly he spoke about his own experience and how Hogarth welcomed him into the school community when he joined us in Year 5.



Reading at Home –

Remember the expectation is to read at least 3 times a week with your child and sign their Reading Record.

Class	Table shows actual number and rounded percentages of children reading at home						% 3 and more	% 4 & 5	% not reading
	Times Read								
	0	1	2	3	4	5			
RB	1	0	0	4	3	9	94%	71%	6%
RH	5	1	1	2	1	4	58%	42%	42%
1KM	1	1	2	4	5	13	85%	69%	4%
2F	0	1	0	1	8	22	97%	94%	0%
3Y	1	1	3	5	4	14	82%	67%	4%
4C	0	2	1	8	4	15	90%	63%	0%
5H	2	0	0	11	7	6	92%	50%	7%
6C	2	0	0	1	1	27	94%	90%	6%



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	RB	RH	1KM	2F	Whole school 94.3%
Attendance	95%	92%	90%	97%	
Class	3Y	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	90%	97%	95%	94%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2F / 4C	RB / 5H	6C



Yearly Attendance

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Class	RB	RH	1KM	2F	Whole school 95.9%
Attendance	97%	95%	93%	97%	
Class	3Y	4C	5H	6C	
Attendance	93%	96%	96%	97%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RB / 2F / 6C	4C / 5H	RH

Literacy Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	respect	subitising	predator
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
abominable	producer	vivid	bustling

Maths Word of the Week	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	collection	funnel	fact family
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
decrease	multiplicative	common multiple	divisibility



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Diary Dates

Monday 2 November – Don in for Dance Workshops

Monday 2 November - New Parent Tour 2027-28 – 13.30

Tuesday 3 November – Year 6 SATs Meeting for parents 17.15 – 18.00

Friday 6 November – Reception Library Visit AM

Tuesday 10 November – Whole School Welly Walk

Thursday 12 November – PTA Laser Light Show – 17.30

Monday 16 November - New Parent Tour 2027-28 – 13.30

Friday 20 November – Understanding Anxiety Workshop – Rachel Manley

Thursday 26 November – Healthy Family - Banardo's Parent Drop in Session.

Thursday 26 November – PTA Christmas Pottery for Children Event

Wednesday 2 December – Reception – Post Box Walk

Thursday 3 December – Reception – Post Box Walk

Friday 4 December - Reception Christmas Biscuit Workshop PM – Parents Invited

Monday 7 December – Book Fair arrives

Tuesday 8 December – Reception Church Visit

Monday 7 December - New Parent Tour 2027-28 – 13.30

Thursday 10 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10 December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 11 December – Rocksteady Concert - 14.30

Tuesday 15 December – Reception Nativity PM – Parents invited

Friday 18 December – Don in for Year 6 Panto

You said:

“Perhaps children who read multiple times a week could have the opportunity to read with Mr Watson or Mrs King, or younger children could read with Year 6. This could be a lovely, positive opportunity for them.”

We will:

After half term, children who read five times or more each week will have their names entered into a hat for the chance to enjoy a trip to the Chicken and Frog Bookstore to select a book with me at the end of the year.

In addition, our Year 5 Reading Ambassadors are now visiting KS1 classes in the mornings to listen to children read during their early morning work. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading, develop confidence and encourage positive reading habits across the school.



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